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IO FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY BENNET
ALSO FOR AF/C FROM AMBASSADOR

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TAGS: PREL, UNSC, RW, US
SUBJECT: POSTSCRIPT TO YOUR TRIP

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IT TURNS OUT THAT YOU CAME TO KIGALI AT PRECISELY
THE RIGHT TIME. WE DID NOT KNOW IT THEN BUT, ON THE
DAY YOU ARRIVED, THE PRESIDENCY WAS IN FULL RETREAT
FROM COMPROMISE POSITIONS IT HAD PREVIOUSLY
TENDERED. THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE HAD SEWED DOWN
ONLY PATCHES ON THE QUILTWORK DEAL THEY DESCRIBED TO
YOU ON WEDNESDAY. YOU HAD THE RIGHT MESSAGE: THAT
WE CARED DEEPLY, THAT RWANDANS COULD TURN THIS AROUND

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AND MAKE THEIR COUNTRY A MODEL IN AFRICA, AND, THAT
THEY SHOULD DO SO POST HASTE. WE TOOK LONG MILEAGE
FROM YOUR SHORT STAY. IN MARATHON DISCUSSIONS AT THE
END OF THE WEEK WITH KEY PLAYERS (LIBERAL PARTY
LEADER MUGENZI, THE PRESIDENT'S COUNSELORS, THE PRIME
MINISTER'S PARTY OPPONENTS, MRND HARDLINER DR.
BIZIMUNGU), I DROPPED YOUR NAME AND INVOKED YOUR
VIEWS AT THE SLIGHTEST EXCUSE.

3. INDEED, YOU WILL GO DOWN IN RWANDAN ORAL

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TRADITION AS COINER OF THAT IMMORTAL EPIGRAM "IN A MATTER OF HOURS." EVERYBODY WE MEET ASKS US ABOUT IT. WE UNDERSTAND THE PRIME MINISTER SPENT THE BEST PART OF A PRESS INTERVIEW EXPLAINING THE LOGICAL IMPERATIVE OF COMING TO AN AGREEMENT QUICKLY. OTHER PHRASES WHICH WE ARE TRYING TO IMBED IN THE RWANDAN POLITICAL LEXICON INCLUDED: "RWANDA AS A POLE OF STABILITY," "WE NEED SOME GREAT LEADERS TO STEP FORWARD," "DISPROVE THE IDEA THAT ETHNIC TENSIONS MUST DESTROY SOCIETY, "GODSPEED WITH AN EMPHASIS ON SPEED."

4. RWANDAN TV ONLY BROADCASTS ON WEEKENDS. MY SET DOES NOT WORK BUT OUR USIS STALWARTS TELL ME THAT THE TV COVERED YOUR VISIT "SUBSTANTIALLY" IN THE NEWS ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. RADIO COVERAGE, AS EXPECTED IN VIEW OF THOSE REPORTERS WHO KEPT FOLLOWING US, WAS CONTINUOUS THROUGHOUT YOUR STAY. REVELANT EMBASSY REPORTING MAY BE FOUND IN KIGALI 0475, KIGALI 0489, KIGALI 0505 AND KIGALI 0551.

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5. PENDING ISSUES. WITH ALL OUR EFFORTS, WE ARE AT THE VERY BEGINNING OF THE PEACE PROCESS. IMMEDIATE OUTSTANDING ISSUES INCLUDE:

-- INSTALLING INSTITUTIONS--MY GERMAN, FRENCH AND BELGIAN COLLEAGUES AND I HAVE STARTED ANOTHER ROUND OF DEMARCHES ON PRIME MINISTER-DESIGNATE, RPF AND PRESIDENT; BOOH BOOH IS CONVENING THE POLITICAL PARTIES; WE ARE HOPEFUL.

-- FIXING BUDGET AND LOGISTICS. YOUR WILLINGNESS, IN THE MIDST OF ALL THAT IS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD, TO LOOK INTO MUNDANE BUT VITAL LOGISTICS AND BUDGET ISSUES IS MUCH APPRECIATED BY ALL HERE.

-- SECURITY. SECGEN'S SPECIAL REP BOOH BOOH AND GENERAL DALLAIRE HAVE BEEN TALKING TO HEADQUARTERS ABOUT APPROACHES ON SECURITY CONCERNS. I TOLD DALLAIRE THAT WE BELIEVED MISSIONS SHOULD OPERATE WITHIN THEIR TERMS OF REFERENCE. HOWEVER, UNAMIR ALREADY HAD A MANDATE TO ESTABLISH AN ARMS SECURE ZONE IN KIGALI. THERE WAS REAL BENEFIT TO THE UN ACTIVELY PURSUING ITS MANDATE TO MAKE KIGALI SECURE.

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HE WILL LET ME KNOW IF THEY NEED ANY HELP WITH
HEADQUARTERS IN GETTING THE OPERATIONAL AUTHORITY
THEY NEED TO CARRY OUT WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO
DO.

-- SECURITY COUNCIL. FINALLY, WE UNDERSTAND FROM THE
FRENCH AMBASSADOR THAT THERE IS A DRAFT PRESIDENT'S
STATEMENT BEING CIRCULATED IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

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FROM THE FIELD PERSPECTIVE, WE SEE NO HARM AND VERY
POSSIBLY SOME GOOD IN SUCH A SECURITY COUNCIL
INITIATIVE. WE HAVE TO KEEP AFTER RWANDAN POLITICOS
OR THEY WILL FALL BACK INTO THEIR BICKERING WAYS.

6. THANKS FOR COMING, FOR TAKING ON A RIGOROUS

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SCHEDULE AND FOR PUSHING THE PEACE PROCESS BACK ON
TRACK HERE IN RWANDA.

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